



January 7, 2013

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Expanding Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, GN Docket No. 12-268, Notice of Ex Parte Communication*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, January 3, 2013, Rick Kaplan, Melissa Glidden Tye, Victor Tawil, and Bruce Franca of the National Association of Broadcasters ("NAB") met with the following individuals at the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or the "Commission"): Julie Knapp, Robert Weller and Jamison Prime of the Office of Engineering; Gary Epstein and Edward Smith of the Incentive Auctions Task Force; Rebecca Hanson and Bill Lake of the Media Bureau; and Ruth Milkman, Jessica Almond, Brett Tarnutzer and Sasha Javid of the Wireless Bureau. Alan Stillwell of the Office of Engineering joined the meeting via phone.

The purpose of the meeting was to seek clarification on issues concerning the Commission's proposed procedures for repacking television stations pursuant to the Incentive Auction proceeding, particularly with respect to the effect that the auction procedures will have on the repacking process. We asked questions regarding the intended geographic area of the band plan, the timing of the repacking process, the nature of the variable band plan, and the process for and status of international border coordination. With respect to the auction process, we asked questions pertaining to

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the Commission's two proposed channel repacking assignment schemes (the Integer Programming Algorithm and the Sequential Algorithm) to clarify the process envisioned for each, and sought information on the public release of any software the Commission intends on using to execute new channel assignment process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rick Kaplan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rick Kaplan
Executive Vice President, Strategic Planning
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